GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
Telecommunication Infrastructure Subcommittee
November 16, 2004 - GITA Conference Room
1:30p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
MINUTES

I.   Chris Cummiskey welcomed members of the Committee and visitors. Each was introduced.
       Attending in person were:
       Art Ashton, Richard King, Bill Stuart, Alex Vavages (for Ben Standifer), Mark
       Goldstein, Richard McNeely, Mike Keeling, Michael Sherman, Bryon Smith (for
       Catherine Connolly, Sally Bender, Matt McClymonds, Galen Updike,
       and guest Jay Miringoff of Tele-com Solutions.

       Members attending by teleconference were:
       Victor Mendez, Wayne Boline, Bradley Ryan, Gary Shonker (for Denny Brown),
       Vaughn L. Wilhelm, and Cory Miller

       Guests on phone included: Steve Peters, Diane Bacon, Al Sterman, and Ralph Gierish

II.   The minutes of the Oct 7th meeting were approved   (Previously mailed out to members)

III.   Old business included distribution of materials from the Oct 7th meeting, to those not in
       attendance at that meeting.

IV.   Mark Goldstein, a committee member representing ATC provided an overview of Wireless
       connectivity including a presentation of FCC assigned spectrum, various Cellular issues, various
       data and voice spectrum, and what we might expect in the future
       with the growth of wireless technologies. His 35 minute presentation was well received.

V.   Matt McClymonds, a committee member and the CIO of Yuma County presented a discussion of
       the experiences of Wellton, AZ in acquiring and using Wireless Broadband. Details of the RUS
       grant were provided. Matt then summarized some of the subsequent benefits accruing from the
       expanded broadband infrastructure in this rural community.   Since deployment, Wellton has
       experienced a 30% growth in population, has seen businesses move into the area, and has had an
       explosion of Internet use, including E-government., E-learning, and E-Commerce at rates
       normally only seen in urban areas. Costs to customers are competitive, also similar to the best
       rates in Urban areas.

V.   Galen Updike, of GITA provided summary information on common elements within the strategic
       plans of the Top Ten ranked States as designated by *TechNet*, an association of High Tech firms.
       Most often cited in these strategic plans were changes to the States' right-of-way policies.   There
       were mixed approaches to funding and ownership of infrastructure. All states emphasized
       aggregation of demand, and had specific plans for expansion of various Telecom applications,
       including E-Learning, Telemedicine, and E-Government

VI.   Following the discussion of State strategic plans, the Chair asked for suggestions as to
       the role and direction of the sub-committee. A robust discussion followed.

Various issues were discussed including funding of infrastructure and ownership models (The SRP public/private model), types of competition, Arizona's uniqueness (larger counties, interspersed Tribal government and distances between population centers.)

Before the next full sub-committee meeting, some task groups will be organized, one to develop a Telecom survey of cities and towns (Bryon Smith of the League of Cities and Towns and Sally Bender of County Supervisors Assoc volunteered their help in organizing the surveys) and another to begin crafting a statewide strategic plan. GITA will help coordinate some of the email and phone discussions.

VII.   The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.